

REMARKS

Responsive to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed August 20, 2004. The preliminary amendment filed on January 30, 2004 was considered non-compliant because a complete claim listing of all of the claims was not presented. Included herewith is a complete claim listing. Claims 1 - 30 and 37 - 39 have been canceled. Claims 31 - 36 are presented for examination.

Also, claim 31 was amended to correct a typographical error. Specifically, a semicolon (;) was substituted for the period (.) at the end of the fourth claim element.

No amendment made was related to the statutory requirements of patentability unless expressly stated herein. No amendment made was for the purpose of narrowing the scope of any claim, unless the applicants have argued herein that such amendment was made to distinguish over a particular reference or combination of references.

Believing to have responded to each and every rejection contained in the Office Action mailed August 20, 2004, the applicants respectfully request the reconsideration and allowance of claims 31 - 36; thereby placing the application in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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